

REMARKS

A Supplemental Notice of Allowance with respect to Claims 12-38 (renumbered as 1-27) was mailed on April 22, 2004. Upon reviewing the allowed claims, Applicants noticed Claims 36 and 37 appeared to be repetitive of Claims 25 and 27, therefore Applicants respectfully request that Claims 36 and 37 be canceled only to provide clarity and for reasons of patentability and/or further limitation of the present invention.

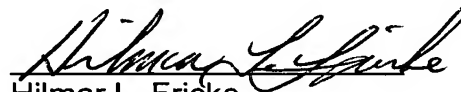
Furthermore, Applicants' wish to clarify the submission filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 11, 2003. More specifically, on page 8, lines 27-29 of the response the following sentence is set forth: "[c]onsequently, 1000% neutralization means that 10 mol dibasic acid are used per mole of amino groups in the cationic electrodeposition binder." In this statement Applicants used the term "dibasic," however, the term "monobasic" should have been used. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience to the Examiner.

The aforementioned amendment ensures proper disclosure and protection of Applicants' invention, and does not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office. The requested cancellation of Claims 36 and 37 will not require a new search or examination as no new matter has presented and the scope of the presently submitted claims have the same scope as those indicated in the Notice of Allowance.

Summary

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered before the application issues as a patent. Applicants do not believe there is a fee due in connection with this Amendment, but should there be a fee due which is not accounted for, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). If the Examiner has any questions regarding the requested Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number contained herein below.

Respectfully submitted,



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